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MINUTES OF ORGANIZATION MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY 9, 1931

The organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the club rooms, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco, California, at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, May 9, 1931. Present: Directors Adair, Badé, Bernays, Farquhar, Huber, LeConte, McDuffie, Parsons, Price, Tappaan, Treat. Absent: Directors Colby, Dawson, Rowell, Wright. Mr. Rice, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, was also present. Mr. Van Oosting, chairman of the Southern California Chapter, was unable to attend. Mr. McDuffie called the meeting to order.

Mr. McDuffie read a letter received from Mr. Colby expressing his great disappointment in not being able to attend the organization meeting of the Board, having attended every meeting during the past thirty years, ever since his election as secretary of the Club in 1901. A motion was passed expressing the regret of the Board at Mr. Colby's unavoidable absence after thirty years as an officer of the Sierra Club, and directing the president to write to Mr. Colby, conveying to him this expression of regret.

The report of the judges of election was thereupon read announcing that the following were elected on April 11, 1931, directors of the Sierra Club for the ensuing year: Herbert S. Adair, William Frederic Badé, Phil S. Bernays, William E. Colby, Ernest Dawson, Francis P. Farquhar, Walter L. Huber, J. N. LeConte, Duncan McDuffie, Marion R. Parsons, Robert M. Price, Chester H. Rowell, Clair S. Tappaan, Payson J. Treat, William H. Wright. A motion was passed accepting the report and thanking the judges of election for their work on behalf of the Club.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Phil S. Bernays, president; Francis P. Farquhar, vice-president; William E. Colby, secretary; Walter L. Huber, treasurer. Duncan McDuffie was elected the fifth member of the Executive Committee. Francis P. Farquhar was elected chairman of the Editorial Board for the coming year. By unanimous vote, J. N. LeConte was elected Honorary President of the Sierra Club in recognition of his pre-eminence in mountaineering and exploration and of his many years of service (since 1899) as an officer of the Club.

A letter addressed to Mr. Colby from William H. Wright, presenting his resignation as a director of the Sierra Club, was read. A motion was passed accepting his resignation with great regret. Mr. Edward Rainey was thereupon elected a director of the Club to fill the vacancy thus created.

A motion was passed excusing the absent directors, all of whom had written that they would be unable to attend. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board, held December 6, 1930, were approved as published in the December Sierra Club Bulletin. Mr. LeConte's report as treasurer for the year 1930 was approved as published in the February number of the Sierra Club Bulletin.

At the December meeting report was made of the completion of the John Muir Memorial Shelter on Muir Pass through the generosity of Mr. G. Frederick Schwarz; of the fact that the actual cost of construction had exceeded the estimate, and that Mr. Schwarz was generously assisting with the balance. It was with deep regret that news of his death on January 1, 1931, was received. A letter from his brother, Mr. Herbert F. Schwarz, was read, in which it was stated that it was the purpose of the heirs to carry out Mr. Schwarz's expressed wishes with reference to payment of the balance of the cost. A check for \$700 on account was sent with the letter. The following resolution was unanimously adopted and directed to be sent to Mr. Herbert F. Schwarz

and the other members of the family: Whereas the Sierra Club and its Board of Directors have sustained an irreparable loss in the untimely death of Mr. G. Frederick Schwarz, be it resolved: I. That we record our deep sense of personal loss over the departure of one whose friendly and informed interest in the objects of the Club had made him the friend of all; II. That we bear in grateful remembrance his nobility of character, the wisdom of his counsel, and his devotion to public service; III. That we recognize particularly his generous thoughtfulness in providing on the crest of the Muir Pass a Memorial Rest House "in honor of John Muir and for the rest and convenience of mountaineers on the Muir Trail"; IV. That we herewith express our sense of the great and lasting benefits which he conferred on this country by his promotion of forest conservation, and the preservation, especially, of our surviving Redwood forests; V. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Directors' meeting, be published in the Sierra Club Bulletin, and be forwarded to the members of his family. A motion was passed that the Club inform Mr. Herbert Schwarz that it would regard it as a privilege to erect a bronze tablet on the John Muir Memorial Shelter, upon which reference should be made to Mr. G. Frederick Schwarz as the donor of the shelter.

A letter to Mr. Colby from Mr. Asahel Curtis, chairman of the Rainier National Park Advisory Board, was read. This letter told of the setting aside of a mile wide strip of land along the Naches Highway in the Cascade Mountains, sixty miles in length, to be named the "Mather Memorial Parkway" in honor of Stephen T. Mather, and invited Mr. Colby or a representative of the Sierra Club in his place to attend the dedication to be held this summer. A motion was carried that the matter of the appointment of a representative of the Sierra Club to attend the dedication of the Mather Memorial Parkway be left in the hands of the president, appointment to be made after the date of the dedication has been decided upon.

The LeConte Memorial Lodge was discussed with the thought that it might be advisable to consider how the lodge might be put to its highest and most useful purpose in view of the change of conditions in Yosemite Valley arising from the establishment of the Yosemite Museum. It was voted that this problem be referred to the Executive Committee for further study and consideration, report to be made thereon at the December meeting.

A communication from Philip A. Ramus relative to grass burning was ordered laid on the table.

Mr. Rice, chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, was asked for a report of activities. In making his report on the local walks and overnight trips he expressed the desire of the Chapter that there might be some study and investigation to find out what public lands might be opened up for recreational purposes. The Executive Committee was authorized to co-operate with the local chapter in making such a survey, and the payment of necessary expenses in connection therewith was authorized. Mr. Rice also expressed the wish that a leaflet of information concerning the Sierra Club, its early history and activities, might be published for general distribution as a means of acquainting new members of the Club and others as to its purposes, aims and ideals. Mention was made of the so-called Sewell Trespass Bill and the fact that if passed it would work unnecessary hardship on members of outdoor organizations throughout the state. Mr. McDuffie stated that after consulting with members of the Executive Committee he had written the assemblymen of the San Francisco Bay region asking their help in defeating the bill, the present law being considered adequate. However, with certain amendments, the bill had passed the Assembly and would, therefore, come up in the Senate. Mr. McDuffie's action was approved and he was requested to keep in touch with the matter. [The Sewell bill was defeated in the Senate on May 15. The Wagby bill, which does not contain certain of the objectionable features of the Sewell bill, was passed by both houses and was signed by the Governor on June 8.]

As the chairman of the Southern California Chapter was not present, Dr. Adair was asked for a report of its activities. He brought up the matter of chapter outings of greater length than one week and the policy of the Club was reaffirmed that chapter outings should not be of such length or held at such times as to interfere in any way with the main Sierra Club outing.

The Executive Committee was directed to consult with Mr. Drew in connection with the use of the Sierra Club name in circulars announcing his trips, such circulars to be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval before being issued.

An announcement of policy on the part of the Forest Service in reference to the preservation of the natural beauty of highway strips along all highways through national forests was read. This was felt to be a forward-looking policy on the part of the Forest Service. A statement of this policy and request for the co-operation of the Sierra Club had been sent by Mr. Show of

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the Forest Service to Mr. Colby who referred the matter to Mr. McDuffie. Mr. McDuffie reported that he had written Mr. Show advising him that the Sierra Club would gladly co-operate in this matter. Mr. McDuffie's action in this regard was heartily approved.

Mr. Huber reported that at the request of State Engineer Edward Hyatt he had conferred with officers of the Sierra Club, particularly Professor LeConte, to determine the Club's preference for immediate work of completing the topographic map of the State of California, and that he had communicated with Mr. Hyatt both in writing and in person, offering the following as the Club's preference: (1) Completion of two quadrangles on a scale of 1:125,000 covering the south half of the area now covered by Lassen Peak Reconnaissance Sheet; (2) Bringing culture up to date on the existing quadrangles bordering on Lake Tahoe; (3) Mapping on a scale of 1:125,000 the area covered by Latitude 40° to 40°30' North, and Longitude 123°00' to 124° West; (4) Completion of some further areas in the redwood region, the order of this work to be determined after further conferences, it being understood that this is somewhat dependent upon some of the Coast and Geodetic Survey work to be completed in the near future. A motion was carried that the recommendations made by Mr. Huber to the State Engineer be approved and endorsed.

The matter of issuing a printed list of the members of the Club and also the possibility of including with it a pamphlet of information about the Club as previously mentioned was discussed and the matter left in the hands of the Executive Committee for its consideration and action.

A very complete report on various matters concerning California national parks in which the Sierra Club is interested, addressed to the Board of Directors by Horace M. Albright, Director of the National Park Service, was read by Mr. McDuffie and the following action taken: Whereas there are included within the boundaries of a number of the National Parks privately owned lands, and whereas these lands in many cases are or will be put to uses out of keeping with the purposes for which the parks were established which creates serious administrative difficulties and reduces the enjoyment of visitors to the parks; therefore be it resolved that the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of National Parks be requested to ask the Congress to appropriate a sum sufficient to extinguish all of such private holdings in National Parks within a period of five years through payment of the full purchase price of said lands. It was voted that the Executive Committee continue its study of the problem of the establishment of a national park in the Kings River region. The secretary was instructed by unanimous vote to draft a letter to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Director of the National Park Service expressing in some detail the views of the Board regarding a proposal for a cableway from Yosemite Valley to Glacier Point. A motion was passed that a communication be sent to the Director of the National Park Service expressing the disapproval of the Club of artificial displays in national parks as inappropriate and out of keeping with the purpose for which the parks are created. It was voted that acknowledgment and due thanks be made to Mr. Albright for his report. Mr. F. A. Kittredge, Chief Engineer of the San Francisco office of the National Park Service, who was present during part of the meeting, expressed his appreciation for the invitation to attend.

It was decided to have a register box made to be placed on the summit of Mount Lassen.

It was voted that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. M. H. McAllister for the metal pieces which he had made to be placed near the Shasta Alpine Lodge at Horse Camp on Mount Shasta.

A resolution was adopted endorsing a suggestion from Col. George W. Stewart applying the name Jesse Agnew Trail or Jesse Agnew Cutoff to a new trail proposed shortly prior to his death by Jesse B. Agnew, to run from a point near J. O. Pass, going into Sugarloaf Valley and by Williams Meadow, approaching Roaring River above the wall of the cañon, whereby the distance from Giant Forest to Kings River Cañon would be shortened. This trail is to be built at a future date as funds become available.

Comment was made upon the recent publication by the U. S. Geological Survey of Mr. François E. Matthes' *Geologic History of the Yosemite Valley* and it was voted to express to the Secretary of the Interior the Club's appreciation of this most valuable contribution to knowledge of the Yosemite region and at the same time to express to the Secretary of the Interior the hope that Mr. Matthes might be assigned to further work in the Sierra Nevada in order to complete his work on the geological history of the entire range.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON, Assistant Secretary.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 16, 1931.

Dear Mr. Colby:

Please thank the Directors of the Sierra Club for electing me a Director. I consider it a great privilege to be personally associated with the work of the Club in preserving California's natural scenery, and in supporting the admirable programs of national and state park and forest authorities, and in generally promoting wholesome outdoor recreation in our state.

Very sincerely,

EDWARD RAINEY.

MRS. BROWN APPOINTED ON STATE PARK COMMISSION

Governor Rolph has appointed Mrs. Edmund N. Brown of San Francisco to the California State Park Commission to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. F. Chandler of Fresno. Mrs. Brown has already joined enthusiastically in the work. Governor Rolph has retained all the other members of the Commission which is now composed of: William E. Colby, chairman; Mrs. Edmund N. Brown, Major Frederick R. Burnham, Arthur E. Connick and Henry W. O'Melveny.

MOUNT WHITNEY HIKING TRIPS GUIDED BY NORMAN CLYDE

Norman Clyde, well-known mountaineer and member of the Sierra Club, will guide regularly scheduled hiking trips to the summit of Mount Whitney this summer. There will be two trips each week, leaving Dow Hotel, Lone Pine, each Friday and Tuesday morning, returning Sunday and Thursday, respectively. This schedule affords an opportunity for walkers of even moderate ability to reach the summit of the highest mountain in the United States, without undue exertion. The first day's walk is an easy climb to Ibex Park Camp at an elevation of about 10,000 feet. Here camp will be made in a beautifully situated amphitheater amid typical High Sierra surroundings. With an entire day in which to make the round trip from Ibex Park to the summit there will be no need for haste or strain on the part of any one. Seasoned hikers, ambitious for greater activity, will have an opportunity of climbing Mount Muir en route to Mount Whitney and will perhaps find other interesting variations of the route. A second night will be spent in camp at Ibex Park and the return to Lone Pine will be accomplished the following morning. Rates for guide-service, varying with the size of the party, and rates for meals and bedding at Ibex Camp have been established. The trail is now open to the summit and the regular scheduled trips will begin the middle of June. Correspondence about arrangements and rates may be addressed to Dow Hotel, Lone Pine, California.

WEEKLY HORSEBACK TOURS TO MOUNT WHITNEY

The new trail from Lone Pine to the summit of Mount Whitney completed by the U. S. Forest Service and the National Park Service last year is now open for travel and Chrysler and Cook's Mount Whitney Pack Train will start its first tour of the season June 12. A regular weekly schedule will be run throughout the summer as follows: Leave Dow Hotel, Lone Pine, 12:30 P. M. each Friday, 9 miles by automobile to corrals in Lone Pine Cañon; leave corrals 1:30 P. M., 8 miles (3 hours) horseback ride to Mount Whitney Outpost Camp (dinner, night's lodging, and breakfast); leave camp 8 A. M., Saturday for summit of Mount Whitney, arriving before noon; return to camp with ample time for photography, fishing, and enjoyment of scenery; night at camp, return Sunday morning, arriving at corral about 11:30, in time for lunch at Lone Pine. Rates for regular tours, or for saddle- and pack-stock by the day, may be obtained from Chrysler and Cook, Lone Pine, California. Reservations should be made a week in advance.

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REVISION OF TRESPASS LAW

The Waggy bill, making a slight revision in the section of the Penal Code relating to trespass, was signed by Governor Rolph on June 8. This bill is much less drastic in its restrictions upon public recreation than was the Sewell bill opposed by the Sierra Club and other organizations and defeated in the Senate. The only change in existing law brought about by the Waggy bill is the clause relating to fire control shown in paragraph (f) by italics. In order that members of the Sierra Club may familiarize themselves with the trespass law and lend their aid in its observance, Section 602 of the Penal Code, as revised, is printed herewith:

Every person who wilfully commits any trespass by either:

(a) Cutting down, destroying, or injuring any kind of wood or timber standing or growing upon the lands of another;

(b) Carrying away any kind of wood or timber lying on such lands;

(c) Maliciously injuring or severing from the freehold of another anything attached thereto, or the produce thereof;

(d) Digging, taking, or carrying away from any lot situated within the limits of any incorporated city, without the license of the owner or legal occupant thereof, any earth, soil, or stone;

(e) Digging, taking, or carrying away from land in any city or town laid down on the map or plan of such city, or otherwise recognized or established as a street, alley, avenue, or park, without the license of the proper authorities, any earth, soil, or stone;

(f) Maliciously tearing down, damaging, mutilating, or destroying any sign, signboard or notice placed upon, or affixed to, any property belonging to the state, or to any city, county, city and county, town or village, by the state or by an automobile association, which sign, signboard or notice is intended to indicate or designate a road or roads, or a highway or highways, or is intended to direct travelers from one point to another, *or relates to fires, fire control, or any other matter involving the protection of the property*, or putting up, affixing, fastening, printing, or painting upon any property belonging to the state, or to any city, county, town, or village, or dedicated to the public, or upon any property of any person, without license from the owner, any notice, advertisement, or designation of, or any name for any commodity, whether for sale or otherwise, or any picture, sign, or device intended to call attention thereto;

(g) Entering upon any lands owned by any other person whereon oysters or other shellfish are planted or growing; or injuring, gathering, or carrying away any oysters or other shellfish planted, growing, or being on any such lands, whether covered by water or not, without the license of the owner or legal occupant thereof; or destroying or removing, or causing to be removed or destroyed, any stakes, marks, fences, or signs intended to designate the boundaries and limits of any such lands;

(h) Wilfully opening, tearing down, or otherwise destroying any fence on the enclosed land of another, or opening any gate, bar, or fence of another and wilfully leaving it open without the written permission of the owner, or maliciously tearing down, mutilating, or destroying any sign, signboard, or other notice forbidding shooting on private property; or

(i) Building fires upon any lands owned by another where signs forbidding trespass are displayed at intervals not greater than one-third mile along the exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands, without first having obtained written permission from the owner of such lands or his agent, or the person in lawful possession thereof; or

(j) Entering any lands under cultivation or enclosed by fence, belonging to, or occupied by, another; or entering upon uncultivated or unenclosed lands where signs forbidding trespass are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands, for the purpose of hunting, shooting, killing, or destroying any animal, or bird on such lands, without having first obtained written permission from the owner of such lands, or his agent, or the person in lawful possession thereof; is guilty of a misdemeanor.

CO-OPERATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

CALIFORNIA REGION

Ferry Building, San Francisco, California

June 9, 1931.

Mr. Wm. E. Colby, Secretary,
Sierra Club, San Francisco, Calif.

Your organization has always stood squarely behind the Forest Service in its efforts to reduce the tremendous destruction and loss from man-caused fires in the national forests of California. This assistance has been most helpful in arousing interest among your members in the conservation of valuable timber, water, forage and recreational resources, so important to the welfare of the State.

This year we are faced with extremely hazardous fire conditions, brought about by lack of winter snows and rains, and prospects are for a long and severe fire season. The Forest Service is preparing for this emergency with every means at its command, and is issuing public warnings through the press and radio urging extreme care with fire throughout the danger months.

I am asking your assistance in this fire prevention effort through the circularizing of your membership, informing them of existing conditions and requesting their individual interest and co-operation in helping to reduce fire hazard and losses to a minimum. Only with such whole-hearted public support can we hope to successfully combat the fire menace.

Very truly yours,

S. B. SHOW, *Regional Forester.*

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed by President Bernays shortly after the recent meeting of the Board of Directors: Outing Committee—William E. Colby (chairman), J. N. LeConte, Clair S. Tappaan; Editorial Board—Francis P. Farquhar (chairman), Ansel E. Adams, Glen Dawson, Francis M. Fultz, Walter L. Huber, François E. Matthes, Marion R. Parsons, Erwin E. Richter, George C. Thompson; Committee on Lodges—Peter J. Van Oosting (chairman), J. N. LeConte, M. Hall McAllister; Committee on Legislation—Duncan McDuffie (chairman), Herbert L. Breed, Ralph Arthur Chase, C. P. Gooding, Chester Versteeg.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Lassen Volcanic National Park

June 8, 1931.

Dear Mr. Bernays:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of the fine register and box to be placed on Lassen Peak. We were all surprised at the quality and type of box, and consider it a great asset to this park. We are indeed grateful to the Sierra Club, and hope that you will convey our thanks to the Board of Directors of the Club.

Within a very short time we shall permanently install it on the peak, where we hope it will remain and give service for many years.

Very truly yours,

L. W. COLLINS, *Superintendent.*

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STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, of SIERRA CLUB BULLETIN, published bi-monthly at San Francisco,

California, for April 1, 1931.

State of California, }
City and County of San Francisco } ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Virginia Ferguson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the business manager of the Sierra Club Bulletin and that the following is, to the best of her knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business manager are: Publisher, Sierra Club, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; Editor, Francis P. Farquhar, 114 Sansome St., San Francisco; Managing Editor, None; Business Manager, Virginia Ferguson, 402 Mills Building, San Francisco.

2. That the owner is: Sierra Club (a corporation), 402 Mills Building, San Francisco; No stockholders; Officers: Duncan McDuffie, president; William E. Colby, secretary; J. N. LeConte, treasurer.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

VIRGINIA FERGUSON, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of March, 1931.

VIOLET NEUENBURG, Notary Public.
(My commission expires December 31, 1934.)

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